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H.B. No. 2628

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to health insurance coverage for services provided by
3 chiropractic assistants.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 1451.109, Insurance Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

7 (e) A health insurance policy issuer may not deny payment or
8 reimbursement to, or reimburse at a lower rate, a chiropractor who,
9 in accordance with Section 201.451, Occupations Code, delegates to
10 an assistant a task or procedure relating to the provision of a
11 service by the chiropractor that is within the scope of the
12 chiropractor's license, regardless of whether the chiropractor is
13 physically present when the assistant performs the task or
14 procedure.

15 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act to Section
16 1451.109, Insurance Code, apply only to a health benefit plan that
17 is delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after the
18 effective date of this Act. A plan delivered, issued for delivery,
19 or renewed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the
20 law as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act,
21 and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.